

station to report the matter and the Divisional Police Officer was contacted before chiefs, including

state, Amaji Doko Gauda, who confirmed the incident, described it as sad.

is unfortunate and which nobody can do anything about.

Navy officer dismembered, bagged, dumped in Jaji well

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KADUNA—A Commodore in the Nigerian Navy, based in Jaji, Kaduna State, has been murdered and her body dumped in a well in a village close to the vast Jaji military cantonment.

The senior Naval officer, OO Ogundana, the equivalent of a Brigadier-General in the Army, was last seen in Jaji on September 13, where she was the Commandant of the Command Secondary School, Jaji.

According to security sources in Jaji, where the late senior naval officer was based, when the military officer was not seen, efforts were made to reach her via her telephone, but it was discovered that the phone was left in her room, which was locked.

A source in Jaji told *Vanguard* that "the door to her room was forced open because the phone



OO Ogundana

was ringing inside the sitting room and efforts to reach her other numbers failed."

Suspects nabbed

It was further learned that bloodstains were observed on her beddings and clothes as well as on the floor from the bedroom to the bathroom. Her vehicle, a Toyota SUV, was also missing.

It was learned that military authorities in Jaji kept some of

her immediate staff and family members under close observation, which finally paid off when two persons were arrested in Zaria while trying to dispose of her car.

Upon interrogation, they confessed to participating in the murder of the senior military officer and subsequently led the investigators to an abandoned shallow well near the Deeper life Church at the Jaji cantonment.

It was further learned that the corpse of the murdered Naval officer was dismembered and put in a big bag (Ghana-Must-Go) before being dumped in a shallow well.

Several phone calls to the Public Relations Officer of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College went unanswered. A text message sent to his known phone line was yet to be answered at press time.

Similar calls to the state Police Public Relations Officer, Yakubu Sabo, were also unanswered.